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INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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(SBU) PolOff demarched MFA Deputy Director of International Organizations and Commissions Nubia Lezcano on April 29, stressing the qualifications of U.S. candidate for Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Paolo G. Carozza. PolOff delivered talking points and c.v. Lezcano said she would inform PolOff when GOP had made a decision on support for Carozza. Lezcano said the decision would be made by Foreign Minister Samuel Lewis Navarro and Director of International Organizations and Commissions Javier Bonagas. Embassy will follow-up with MFA and report any further developments to Department.

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